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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Andrew Jackson 9th Floor Training Room
Thursday, December 11, 2014
4:25 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Brenda Davis, Chair
Rob Mortensen, Vice
Chair
Jennie Harlan, Secretary
Phil Acord
Wendy Shea

Christy Sigler
Jill Grayson Stott

Members Absent:

Amy Lawrence

Staff Present:

Richard Kennedy,
Associate Director
Diane Baham
Craig Hargrow
Rose Naccarato
Sarah Rudd

I. Welcome - Brenda Davis, Chair

Chair Davis welcomed members of the Executive Committee and thanked them for their hard work.

II. Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED (ACORD) AND SECONDED (MORTENSEN) TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

III. Budget and Data Committee Report - Christy Sigler, Chair

Sigler reported O'Neal and Kennedy put together the Fraud and Abuse Report. The Audit Committee reviewed the documentation and did not have any concerns. In relation to Fraud and Abuse issues, the agency is supposed to have a written code of conduct. Sigler proposed TCCY compile and maintain all required documents together and Committee members agreed. Sigler stated the Budget and Data Committee approved the agency budget update.

IV. Children's Services Committee - Wendy Shea, Chair

Shea reported having an excellent Children's Services Committee meeting that included information and updates from several staff.

Hargrow reported on the Second Look Commission and the meeting of October 14. Three cases were reviewed in the closed meeting.

Papica reported having 39 referrals so far which is about a 1:3 ratio (consistent with the caseload). Papica reported participating in the DCS Third Party Review investigation at Mountain View Youth Development Center. Recommendations included a shift from a correctional paradigm to a therapeutic approach and to improve communication among DCS regional and youth development center staff. Papica attended the 35th annual Ombudsman Conference. "Compassion Fatigue" was one of the presentations at the conference.

Melissa McGee, new CCMH Director, introduced herself at the committee meeting and gave some background and experience. She comes to TCCY from MHSAS. At the October 2014 CCMH meeting there were approximately 75 attendees and the theme was "School Climate" which is defined as a program to promote healthy students. Shea stated she looks forward to introducing McGee at Friday's Commission meeting and is certain McGee is a good addition to the agency.

Petty gave a YTAC update. The Council met two times during the last quarter. Petty completed the Annual YTAC Report. He reported housing and transportation for youth aging out continue to be problems.

Shea reported no action items.

V. Councils Committee - Jill Grayson Stott, Chair

Stott stated she will not be able to attend Friday's Commission Meeting and that Kelly Drummond will report for her. Stott stated the committee heard an overview of the status of the "The Raising of America" documentary and the timeline of events releasing that report, and update on CAD and an overview of regional coordinator reports

VI. Juvenile Justice Committee - Phil Acord, Chair

Acord reported the only action item was to support the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Acord will review this at Friday's meeting.

VII. Audit Committee – Christy Sigler, Chair

Sigler reported the Audit Committee (Sigler, Acord, Drummond, Flynn, Haynes, Houston, Lawrence present; Mortensen and Stott absent) communicated via teleconference on December 2, 2014 to discuss the Update on the Compliance

Monitoring Audit and Response, Audit Committee Charter and Purpose, Financial Integrity Act Submission and Fraud and Abuse Update. The Committee will present a motion to request the full commission approve the members of the Audit Committee for 2014 and 2015 at the December 2014 meeting.

VIII. Grant Review Committee - Wendy Shea, Chair

Shea reported the Grant Review Committee (GRC) met earlier in the day and reviewed all the grant application submissions. She reported having grant funds left over due to a very thorough review of the applications. Members of the GRC decided it was better to hold the money rather than expend it on grant applications that were not approved. Shea advised grant application funding recommendations will be made to the full commission on Friday.

Hargrow reported there was \$450,000 available in grant funding, \$370,000 of which was allocated by the GRC.

IX. Other Business

Kennedy explained the yearly awards presented at Children's Advocacy Days (CAD). The Commission gives several awards every year. The Senator Douglas Henry Public Official of the Year award was presented for the first time last year to Senator Henry. O'Neal has recommended nominating Judge Dwight Stokes for this award this year. Kennedy discussed some of the great work Stokes has done. Chair Davis stated she and O'Neal had already discussed Judge Stokes receiving the award and Davis is in total agreement. Kennedy added it also sends a clear signal that this award is not only presented to legislators. Kennedy asked for a vote from the Executive Committee members on presenting the Public Official of the Year award to Judge Stokes.

IT WAS MOVED (SHEA) AND SECONDED (SIGLER) TO HONOR JUDGE DWIGHT STOKES WITH THE SENATOR DOUG HENRY PUBLIC OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Committee members agreed Judge Stokes was a great choice for this honor. Kennedy stated Judge Stokes will be speaking at CAD this year and the award will be presented to him at that time.

Kennedy advised the Jim Pryor, John Seigenthaler and Youth Excellence award nomination information will be distributed to the full Commission tomorrow.

There being no further business,

IT WAS MOVED (SIGLER) AND SECONDED (HARLAN) TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Minutes submitted by:

Diane Baham, ASA3

Minutes approved by:

Brenda Davis, Chair